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1. On 29 March 1954, about 400 soldiers from the Von-Dem-Busche Kaserne in Leisnig marched toward Doebeln. They were equipped with carbines, submachine guns, and 6 light machine guns. On 30 March, 150 soldiers equipped with small arms and light machine guns and 4 trucks towing 57-mm AT guns marched from the installation toward the same direction. At 10 a.m. on 31 March, about 250 men equipped with small arms and nine light machine guns, a truck towing a 57-mm AT gun and three trucks with field kitchens moved out of the installation toward Doebeln.
2. Informant told that the aforementioned units participated in Soviet Army exercises in the Klosterbusch-Westewitz-Schergrund area. The exercises were allegedly completed on 31 March. Some of the KVP units returned to Doebeln via Leisnig. The units were billeted in the Von-Dem-Busche Kaserne and Friedrich August Kaserne in Leisnig. At the time of observation, the strength of troops in Doebeln amounted to about 2,500 troops including about 80 percent officer candidates.

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Comment. No large-scale Soviet exercises have been reported from the Leisnig-Doebeln area. It is possible, however, that officer candidates of the KVP infantry officer school in Doebeln participated in local exercises of Soviet tank and AAA units stationed in Leisnig. The strength estimate regarding officer candidates in Doebeln is highly exaggerated. The correct number would be 700 to 800 men.

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